FROM THE FIELD.

Falls City, Neb.

Brethren Uriah Miller and S. P. Stevens, of Beatrice, Neb., came into our midst on Saturday the 9th. Bro. S. P. Stevens is a minister of the gospel of Christ of no small calibre, and is pastor of the Brethren church at Beatrice, Neb.. Bro. Uriah Miller was formerly of this church and has a good many relatives and friends here, and saw a good many warm-hearted brethren in town and commenced introducing Bro. Stevens as his pastor. So as Bro. S. being possessed with rather noble appearance, some of the brethren began to whisper around that he looked as though he could preach. So it was given out that he would preach that night at the Brethren church, four miles north of town, and the news went like wild-fire. Every one had a friend to tell, so Bro. Stevens rode out with the writer and went over to the church, half a mile distant, and to Bro. Steven's surprise, we met a good congregation already assembled and a good many more came afterwards. When Bro. More, the leader of our singing, commenced singing his soul-stirring gospel songs, while Bro. Stevens looked around over his congregation, no doubt he thought, well, I am surprised to see such a congregation as this to be gathered together in such a short time, it is certainly a good place to be; and commenced preaching and entertained us very highly.

As the German Baptists regular appointment was for the next day at 11 o'clok in this church, we moved our meeting one mile north and two west at the M. E. church, which was offered to us by the beloved brethren of the same church. God will bless such people. So Bro. Stevens held forth the word of God in its power and splendor at 11 o'clock on Sunday, then at town in the M. E. church, then Monday night back at the Brethren church again. Also Tuesday night and Wednesday night, when the meeting closed with a good interest which was manifested with the results of one reclaimed, and the Brethren and sisters were made to feel that their spiritual strength was revived and made stronger, and to feel that they stood on the Rock of Ages, Christ Jesus. And sinners were made to feel that they were standing on sinking sand. Bro. Stevens is a very able revivalist and minister, and is worthy to stand behind the pulpit of any congregation in the Brotherhood. While he was here he held forth the word of God in its convicting and converting power, which was a feast to our never dying souls. God bless the two brethren in the cause they have started.

We soon found out why these brethren turned up among us so suddenly. Bro. Uriah was not so dull of apprehension after all, because he brought a man that was well vested in the tactics of the gospel, and could wield the sword of the spirit with great energy and took us by storm, and we had to turn over our effects to the amount of $188.75 to help the brethren in and around Beatrice to build a church house. God bless them, and may they have new courage to go on with the work of the Lord, and may other congregations fall into line with Falls City brethren and help the brethren at Beatrice move the great work of the Lord along that they may have a place to worship in, that they may praise God and give him the glory. Yes, brethren, we are commanded to help bear one another's burdens, and let us do it with a will and God will be honored. From what we can learn, Bro. S. P. Stevens is doing a good work in and around Beatrice in building up the borders of Zion. And while Bro. Stevens is holding the fort at Beatrice so well and holding up the banner of King Emanuel, Bro. F. A. Hendricks is doing good service in the Brethren church at or near Falls City, Neb. Bro. Hendricks is an able expounder of the gospel and preaches us excellent sermons. He preached on Friday night after Bro. Stevens closed his meeting on Wednesday night, and on Saturday at 10 o'clock we had a business meeting with Bro. Wm. Forney in the chair. The business was done in order and with love and respect to all. At night Bro. Hendricks preached a thrilling discourse which gave to our minds something new to study on. And on Sunday at 11 o'clock to quite a large congregation; and Sunday night he preached from the words 'Jesus wept,' which he handled well to our edification. Bro. Hendricks is our pastor for the ensuing year.

May God bless the efforts of Bro. Stevens and Bro. Hendricks wherever they may go, is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

LAFE MESSLER.

Feb. 20, '89.

Udall, Kansas.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—After having been quiet so long, I will be heard from again. After getting loose from business and its embarrassments, I have concluded to go to work for the Master again. Last week I spoke three nights in the Rose Valley school house, south east of Winfield, in the neighborhood of brother Hoover's. I stirred up a little hornets nest and left him to take the stinging.

Last Monday night, I commenced work in the Christian church, in Mulvane, where, to my knowledge no Dunkard ever preached. In order to get their house we agreed that their minister might reply, which he did to the two last sermons, which where on trine immersion. I do not feel very badly hurt by his reply, for he never attempted to meet our arguments on the grammatical construction of Matt. 28:19, and he had no confidence at all in history. He told us that the doctrine of baptism in Hebrews and the laying on of hands and repentance from dead works, all belong to the old law of Moses. But I reminded him of the fact that Paul calls it the word of the beginning of Christ, as in the marginal reading, and that they were embodiments of the foundation of our first principles in Christ, which men were not to lay again and again, but after having done these we were to go unto perfection.

The little flock at Mulvane will celebrate the ordinances, at the house of Fred. Fellers, tomorrow night. It has been sometime since these brethren held communion. If some good minister could locate with them quite a work could be done here. There are only a few families here, but they command the respect of their neighbors which speaks well.

I have arranged with the brethren at South Haven to move to them the first of March. These brethren have been sorely tried, but their faith in their creed is unflinching. There are a few good and faithful members near Windfield, four miles west, and there are a few good members eight miles west of Arkansas City, in Cowley Co. Preaching is needed at all these places.

D. HARADER.

Covington, Ohio.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—As you do not get news from this part of the Miami Valley I will write. This has been an extraordinary mild winter and many of our citizens, especially of the laboring class, could attend revival meetings. Our town never had such a shaking up as it had this winter. The German Baptists commenced early in winter with their home talent, but done but little in the way of getting members. Only one. The Christian (Newlite) church then commenced but did but little for awhile, but finally they got about thirty members. The M. E. church then commenced, and about that time what are called the Freewill Methodist, set in, and also Cumberland Presbyterian. We had a lively time—four church bells ringing at the same time—all had plenty of people to preach to. Now for the result: The German Baptists got one; the M. E's., got twenty eight old and young; the Christians got thirty; the Cumberland Presbyterians got 33, mostly children; the Freewill Methodists got about eighty, and organized with forty members.

We had written for Bro. Bashor, but failed, then for brother Kilhefner and have no word from him. We hope the town will be converted, that sin will be banished from among us. May the Lord bless every means that is put forth according to the plan of salvation.

H. G. ULLERY.

Homerville, Ohio.

Our protracted meeting has closed. We continued seventeen days. Had good attendance and interest, but as far as we can see no signs of success as to conversions. One sister from the German Baptist church united with us at the close of the meeting. The church is firm. Nearly all our members attended every meeting. The pastor may well be proud of this church, for in religious stability and zeal for the cause of Christ they cannot be excelled. If their minister is unhappy because of his failure, he rejoices in the success of others. Joy and sorrow alternate in this world, and perhaps there is a brighter day for us in the future.

H. S. JACOBS.

Things in General—Some Things in Particular.

Our Home Work.—We are still pushing the cause of Christ and trust with some success. I had expected Bro. Shaver to preach for me awhile, but he failed to reach the city as per promise, and then when here remained over one Sunday only. After he left I concluded to have a meeting any way, and the result was three applicants for baptism, one since by relation. I have averaged a sermon a day since Jan. 2nd, but am glad to say, I closed my meeting here with better health than I have enjoyed for months. I think I understand my body better and am able to take better care of it. A man may be a saint, yet if he violates the laws of nature, he will suffer the consequences. However this is getting off the subject. I think there are others who will soon come with us and travel in the same good direction. We are, I think, doing something more than living.

'Preaching or no Preaching.'—Says a good brother from Va. 'No we have no preaching, but thanks to "our Father" we have the great "compass" and our Savior to pilot, and with the little brain power we have, we are managing to keep out of the breakers. Oh what a pleasure it is to be in the good old ship, preaching or no preaching, stemming the tide of rough seas, looking forward to that goal where all will be peace.' That is the way to talk. If a preacher cannot be obtained push, on without one. The work will be accomplished. Of course the more help of the right kind, the greater the success, but why should one be dashed on the breakers, when they can swim away from them. Keep one eye on Christ and one on the compass, and you can not help but sail in the gulf stream of truth and love.

Grand Opening.—Were the words beautifully arranged, that greeted the eyes of those who entered 709 Arch St. a few days ago. On entering the store, we find a large room, well lighted, and filled with first class goods, usually found in a first class florist department. Indeed our brother has a better room and a larger assortment than many old places in the city. Bro. Cassel is not a very large man if you look at him from a physical point, but he has the business brain and is now conducting two extensive establishments, a terra cotta factory on Seventh St. and a store on Arch St. beside his old store on Columbia Ave. He said to me a day or two ago, 'If my new venture prospers, I will be able to build a church for you.' I believe any business consecrated to God will be a success. When our brethren come to the city, call at 709 Arch St. and you will receive a welcome.

A Friendly Visit.—Receiving a visit from E. Price Randall, Editor the Chrystal Palace Home Journal, to visit his church on prayer meeting night, I concluded to accept the invitation. On Friday night I entered the door of the church, corner 19th and Masters Sts. Bro. Randall soon met me and took me to the study, where I was introduced to the pastor, Elder Williams and his five deacons. The hour for service having arrived, we went to the prayer meeting room and found a magnificent audience. Pastor Williams gave us an earnest and eloquent talk, the singing was full of life, and the services spiritual. Our friends have been in this locality about four months, during which time they have immersed nearly sixty persons. Their membership is about four hundred. Prayer meeting is held on Tuesday and Friday evenings. If the prayer meeting is the pulse of the church, then this church is in a good healthy condition. I am glad such organizations are co-operating for the world's salvation. Success to our Baptist brethren.

That One Hundred Thousand.—Some of our friends have interested themselves in our work by asking how we are doing, etc, We have sold twenty-five thousand copies of 'The Story of Jesus,' and have put to press twenty-five thousand more, and it begins to look as though 'The Story of Jesus' would reach the number aimed for. Bro. E. B. Shaver has put in an order for 1000, when we have sold 100,000. If we were as sure of $1000 as we are of that 100,000 books, we would think it was a sure thing. We hope to notify Bro. E. B. before long that his 1000 copies are ready for shipment. If any of our friends have noticed mistakes, wrong references, etc., please call our attention to the fact, and if there are any suggestions as to the book, let's have them. The next edition will be a large one, and we would like to have it revised. You will not hurt our feelings by showing where improvements can be made.

Is The World Getting Better?—At our prayer services last week, two of our brethren made some remarks. One took the position that the world was better than it had ever been before, and the other brother took the position that religion was on the decline. One called attention to the efforts being made to bring sinners to Christ, and the other called attention to the neglect of religious duties by church members, etc. The question is one which can be well developed by either side, and if our brethren wish a subject to write on, they can find much to say pro and con. An effort is evidently being made to advertise Christ and extend the kingdom. On the other hand the pleasure of this world seems very attractive, and there seems a disposition on the part of the church to flirt with the world. Is the world getting better or growing wiser?

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

OUR CHURCH.

Glorious news from the field this week.

We are glad to see so much life in the letter from a brother in the Falls City church.

Bro. A. Shoe, of Sherwood, Ohio, orders his paper changed to Milford, Ind. What now Bro. Shoe?

In sending money to Bro. J. C. Ewing, Alexandria, Alabama, for Hymnodies do not forget that money orders should be procured on Anniston, Ala.

Bro. W. C. Perry is now pastor of the congregation at Oakville, Ind., with monthly appointments. The brethren there can feel that they have a true disciple of the Lord Jesus as a pastor.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner has returned safe and sound, and still full of zeal for revival work. His trip resulted in fifty some additions to the church. He expects to go to Dark county Ohio, soon.

Bro. D. S. Lichty writes encouraging news from Lanark, Ill. Bro. Geo. W. Debolt is holding a meeting and is having good success. That locality is building rapidly to the strength of the Brethren church.

Sister Bessie Perry is now superintendent of the Lord's Day school at North Manchester, Ind. This means success for the school as sister is an earnest worker and a mistress in managing and teaching.

It will be noticed that Bro. Heeter had a few more meetings. The good brother has been living and preaching in that locality about twenty-five years, and he has reaped a good crop of souls at last. The Lord bless them all.

I can say for one that I am glad that the stream of thought of the EVANGELIST writers has become more pure. It is time, for the stream has been running long enough to clear itself, I should think. May the good work continue to prosper all along the line.—W. C.

A brother writes, after trying to do without the paper, thus: 'I find I can't get along well without the paper. Please send it at once.' This is a good sign. We always feel that where there is an interest in the paper, there is also an interest in religion and the development of the church.

Cambria, Ind., Feb. 20.—A card from Bro. J. L. Kimmel says that he began a protracted meeting at Edna Mills, several weeks since, but after he preached one week he took sick. But fortunately Bro. Ditch came down, took charge of the meeting and continued it. Thus far 11 have come forward and confessed Christ, and the interest is very good and if the meetings are continued many more may come.

Dorchester, Neb., Feb. 19.—I preached six discourses in the Disciple meetinghouse in this village, and also seven discourses in the Baptist meeting house. The immediate result was two confessions. We had to close our meeting here for want of a house to continue the meeting. We then held three meetings in a school house two and onehalf miles west of town.—J. NICHOLSON.

Bro. E. L. Hilderbrand is having glorious success in Iowa. On the 19th, he wrote us that they were having glorious meetings in Clayton county. He says: 'We closed a two weeks union meeting at Edgwood with twenty conversions, nine of which number united with the Brethren Church. Thence to Waymond Valley, where we held an eight days meeting, resulting in over thirty conversions, and last night when the opportunity was given to unite with the 'Brethren Church' twenty six stood up,

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